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SUBJECT: ATHERTON- DINITZ TELECON APRIL 18 RE LEBANESE  
SECURITY COUNCIL COMPLAINT

SUMMARY: DINITZ INFORMED ATHERTON APRIL 18 THAT GOI STILL  
ANTICIPATES ONE- SIDED SC RESOLUTION, STILL LOOKING FOR  
U. S. TO VETO, AND HAS REQUESTED BRITISH NOT TO PARTICIPATE  
IN DRAFTING SC RESOLUTION. ALSO MENTIONED RUMORS THAT  
ZAYYAT PLANNING FOLLOW- UP RESOLUTION ON WHOLE MIDDLE EAST  
QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR DINITZ TELEPHONED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
ATHERTON AFTERNOON APRIL 18 TO SAY HE HAD COMMUNICATION  
FROM EBAN HE WISHED TO PASS ON. GOI HAS INDICATIONS OTHERS  
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MAY BE CONSIDERING COSMETIC CHANGES OF WORD OR TWO IN RESOLUTION TEXT AND WANTS TO STRESS ITS VIEW THESE WILL NOT ALTER FUNDAMENTAL IMBALANCE. EBAN HAD SPOKEN WITH BRITISH IN ISRAEL AND INFORMED THEM GOI DID NOT SEE WHY UK SHOULD "VOLUNTEER" ITS SERVICE IN ATTEMPTING TO DRAFT SC RESOLUTION. TOLD BRITISH BEST SERVICE THEY COULD PERFORM IS NOT TO DRAFT ANY RESOLUTION; INSTEAD, LET ARABS DRAFT RESOLUTION. ATHERTON REPLIED THAT HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT UK HAD BECOME INVOLVED AT LEBANESE INITIATIVE BECAUSE LATTER WANTED COUNTERBALANCE TO RADICAL ARAB PRESSURES. ATHERTON SAID HE WANTED TO REAFFIRM U. S. HAD

MADE IT CLEAR TO BRITISH, LEBANESE AND FRENCH IT TALKING OF REAL BALANCE AND NOT COSMETICS. WE BELIEVE OUR MESSAGE ON THIS POINT, OF WHICH ATHERTON INFORMED DINITZ LATE APRIL 17, HAS HAD IMPACT ON LEBANESE AND THERE INDICATIONS LATTER ARE TAKING ANOTHER LOOK AT PROPOSED DRAFT.

2. DINITZ SAID HE WISHED TO NOTE THAT LEBANESE CONTRIBUTION TO BALANCE IS "AS FAR FROM BALANCE AS HIMALAYAS ARE FROM JORDAN VALLEY." DINITZ ADDED HE SURE IT NOT NECESSARY TO ASK USG TO LOOK CRITICALLY AT LEBANESE DRAFT SINCE USG AIMING AT TRUE BALANCE AND NOT ONE-SIDED CONDEMNATION. IN THIS CONTEXT, DINITZ SAID HE HAD REPORTS THAT LEBANESE THINKING OF GIVING UP PARA 5, WHICH CALLS FOR STOPPING ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL, BUT KEEPING PARA 4, WHICH WARNS ISRAEL OF OTHER ACTIONS IF FURTHER RAIDS TAKE PLACE. THIS NO REAL IMPROVEMENT, SAID DINITZ. DINITZ COMMENTED THAT IT NOT LIKELY BALANCED RESOLUTION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO SECURITY COUNCIL, GIVEN THE PRESENT BALANCE AGAINST ISRAEL THERE.

3. DINITZ SAID HE HAD RUMORS THAT ZAYYAT PREPARING SECOND STAGE OF EGYPTIAN EFFORT. IF LEBANESE RESOLUTION PASSES, THEN PERHAPS EGYPT WILL PROPOSE OPENING WHOLE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION TO DEBATE. IF U. S. WILL BLOCK RESOLUTION, SAID DINITZ, THIS WILL DISCOURAGE EGYPTIANS FROM WIDENING DEBATE TO OTHER ISSUES. ATHERTON REPLIED HE DID NOT NECESSARILY DRAW SAME CONCLUSION AS DINITZ; SAID IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT EGYPTIANS MAY INTRODUCE SUCH EFFORT IN ANY CASE. DINITZ REPLIED THAT IN ANY  
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EVENT WHAT IMPORTANT TO ISRAEL IS POSITION USG TAKES.

ATHERTON REITERATED THAT USG HAS INDICATION ITS MESSAGE  
TO LEBANESE HAS HAD IMPACT AND GOL MIGHT JUST POSSIBLY  
SURPRISE US. ROGERS

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